

Remarks

Claims 13 - 25 are pending. Claims 19 - 25 have been allowed. claims 13 - 18 have been rejected and objected to. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants apologize for the awkward claim presentation to which the Examiner refers. As the Examiner is aware, drafting claims to complex subject matter in a single sentence, providing antecedent basis for claim terms, and meeting other requirements is not ever an easy task. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for suggesting language for the preamble of claim 13 to replace that formerly used. Applicants have adopted this suggestion in major part, have also made corrections where necessary, and have removed some redundant language to make the claim easier to read. The corrections made are in the formula for radical "A" which was missing an $(\text{OSiR}_2)_x$ group, as shown in the original claims and on page 38 of the application, addition of "hydrocarbon" before "radical" in the definition of R, and removal of "hydro" from "hydrocarbon" in the definition of R^4 . Correcting formula "A" also provides antecedent basis for the later definition of "x".

Claim 17 has been similarly amended. In addition, the spurious definition of R^1 has been removed and the definition of R' has been added. The formula of R^3 has been rewritten to correspond with the same formula in claim 13.


The Examiner's basis for evaluating the claim against the prior art, set forth in the Office Action on page 2, is believed to be sound, with the exception that the crosslinkable silicone composition is not necessarily sprayed onto a substrate. Actually, the preferred mode of application is that of using an application roller. Due to the high speed of the coating processes now used, even though no spraying takes place, an aerosol mist is still created. The antimisting additives of the subject invention considerably reduce the amount of aerosol generated.

Applicants believe that the claims now fully meet all statutory requirements, and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of claims 13 - 18 is respectfully solicited.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for Allowance, and respectfully request a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that further discussion will advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is highly encouraged to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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